

## The passive

Strony biernej (*the passive*) w języku angielskim używamy:

- aby podkreślić, że ważna jest czynność, a nie jej wykonawca:  
*The money was paid on time.*
- gdy nie potrafimy określić, kto jest wykonawcą danej czynności lub nie chcemy powiedzieć, kto jest jej wykonawcą:  
*My camera has been stolen.*  
*Three people were fired last month.*
- w bardziej oficjalnych wypowiedziach:  
*You aren't allowed to take photographs inside the museum.*  
*Smoking is forbidden in all parts of the building.*

Gdy chcemy powiedzieć, kto wykonał czynność, używamy słowa *by*:

*The villa was bought by a rich businessman.*

Stronę bierną tworzymy za pomocą właściwej formy czasownika *be* w różnych czasach i formy *past participle*.

Tense	Active	Passive voice
Present simple	<i>They make cars here.</i>	<i>Cars are made here.</i>
Present continuous	<i>They are recording a song.</i>	<i>A song is being recorded.</i>
Present perfect	<i>Somebody has broken the vase.</i>	<i>The vase has been broken.</i>
Past simple	<i>They sold the painting last week.</i>	<i>The painting was sold last week.</i>
Past perfect	<i>Nobody had driven the car before.</i>	<i>The car hadn't been driven before.</i>
Future simple	<i>We will send the parcel.</i>	<i>The parcel will be sent.</i>
Modal verbs	<i>I must make the payment.</i> <i>I can't withdraw the money.</i>	<i>The payment must be made.</i> <i>The money can't be withdrawn.</i>

### Grammar challenge!

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W przypadku czasowników, które są określone przez dwa dopełnienia (np. *give*, *buy*, *lend*, *show*), każde z nich może stać się podmiotem zdania w stronie biernej:

*She gave me a book.*

*I was given a book. / A book was given to me.*

### 1) Rewrite the active sentences in the passive.

1 They show this film every Christmas.

2 Waiters brought the food to our table.

3 When will you pick us up?

4 They haven't given her a refund in the shop.

5 How much money did they steal from your bag?

6 They are organising a festival at the moment.

### 2) Choose the correct option (active or passive) to complete each sentence.

- 1 Cheese *has made* / *has been made* in this area of France for centuries. Today it *is exported* / *exports* to almost every country in the world.
- 2 A Have you heard of that dangerous criminal who *arrested* / *was arrested* a few days ago?  
B Yes, what about him?  
A He *is been transported* / *being transported* to a different prison today.
- 3 Alison *was inserted* / *inserted* a few coins into the coffee machine, but nothing happened. Then she *remembered* / *was remembered* that the machine had *been broken* / *broken* for a few days.
- 4 He suddenly realised that he *was being followed* / *was following*.
- 5 When I *opened* / *was opened* my online bank account, I realised that my salary *hadn't been paid in* / *was being paid in*.
- 6 The old bridge *was destroyed* / *destroyed* and the engineers *are being designed* / *are designing* a new one at the moment.

### 3) Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

1 A lot of old books \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) at car boot sales.

2 The reservation \_\_\_\_\_ (not make) last week, but yesterday.

3 A huge loan \_\_\_\_\_ (take) out recently to pay the company's debts.

4 \_\_\_\_\_ (the balance / check) before the cash was withdrawn?

5 Come to the hotel lobby at 10.00. You \_\_\_\_\_ (take) to the airport by one of our drivers.

6 The details of the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ (discuss) at the moment.

7 The parcel should \_\_\_\_\_ (deliver) within two days.

8 \_\_\_\_\_ (any lost cards / report) yesterday?

### 4) Write sentences in the passive voice using the prompts.

1 my jacket / take / Mike / by mistake.

2 the car / not clean / for ages.

3 the pizza / deliver / to your house / in 30 minutes.

4 all her classmates / invite / to her party last week?

5 at the moment / her dress / make / fashion designer.

6 you / inform / about the price change?

## 5) Complete the text with appropriate words.

Do you need something to be delivered from another part of town? Nothing easier! Just call 'EasyPeasy', a local shopping and delivery service, and tell us what you want. Whatever you need, it will <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ brought to you <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ our 'taskers' – people who <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ paid to do your shopping, pick up your laundry or take a package to the post office. The services <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ usually available online. You can always check if you order is <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ taken care of. Once the task has <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ done, you just log on to their website, confirm that the job <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ been completed, and the money <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ automatically taken from your bank account. Here are some of the opinions of customers who <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ helped by 'EasyPeasy' in the past ...



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## 6) Rewrite each sentence, using two different passive constructions.

1 They teach young children English

Young children are taught English.English is taught to young children.

## Have something done

Konstrukcji *have something done* używamy, aby powiedzieć, że jakąś czynność zleciłyśmy innej osobie, np.:

*I am having my car repaired at the moment.**We had an alarm system installed last year.*

Aby określić, kto wykonał jakąś pracę, używamy słowa *by*.  
*We are having the roof fixed by uncle Joe.*

Zdania z *have something done* tworzymy, używając czasownika *have* (w różnych czasach) oraz formy *past participle*.

Present simple	<i>Maria has her nails done every two weeks.</i>
Present continuous	<i>They are having their house painted.</i>
Present perfect	<i>Have you had your hair cut?</i>
Past simple	<i>Last year, we had a swimming pool built in the backyard.</i>
<i>Be going to</i>	<i>I'm going to have the windows cleaned next week.</i>

2 Tina's family always give her books for her birthday.

3 They showed me a new collection of clothes.

4 They lent us a huge sum of money.

5 Will they send me my order this week?

6 They are buying him a sports car for his fiftieth birthday.

7 They have offered me a job in a bank.

7) Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets. Then complete the sentences with your own ideas.

1 The Olympic Games \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) every2 Last year, the Oscar for the best film \_\_\_\_\_ (award) to3 At school, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not allow) to4 For my next birthday, I hope I \_\_\_\_\_ (give) a new1) Write sentences about the people in the pictures. Use the correct form of *have something done*.

1 Tom / shoes / clean / now.



3 My parents / their car / service / once a year.



2 Susan / just / her picture / take.



4 Lucy / her hair / cut / at the moment.

2) Read the notices and write sentences from the prompts. Use *have something done*.



### WE CAN REPAIR ANY SMARTPHONE

1) Look! Perhaps you won't have to throw away your broken smartphone. You can / it / repair instead.



### OFFICE AND FLAT CLEANING

2) My parents use that company. We / our house / clean every week.



### DRESSMAKER — CLOTHES PERFECT FOR YOU

3) This is where Sue ordered her new dress. Instead of buying it in a shop, Sue / it / make.

### ALEX ANDERSON IN HEMSTOWN! BOOK SIGNING – SATURDAY 1.00 P.M.

4) I'm so excited! I'm going to / my favourite book / sign.

3) Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences. Some sentences are correct.

1) She's having her ankle examine at the moment.  
\_\_\_\_\_

2) Did they have their house redecorated last year?  
\_\_\_\_\_

3) We haven't had the costumes made yet. \_\_\_\_\_

4) How often do you have checked your teeth by the dentist? \_\_\_\_\_

5) Our cat loves having his ears scratching. \_\_\_\_\_

6) They have delivered their shopping every Monday.  
\_\_\_\_\_

4) Complete the mini-dialogues. Use the verbs in brackets and *have something done*.

1) A These notes are completely unreadable.  
B You're right. I guess I should <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (type).

2) A Oh, no! Your ankle is badly swollen. Are you sure it isn't broken?  
B No, I <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (examine) and the doctors say it's not that bad.

3) A Look! This picture should make a good present.  
B I agree. I <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (frame), and mum is going to love it!

4) A Have you noticed? One of your tyres is flat.  
B It's impossible. I <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (change) only last week.

5) A These jeans are too long.  
B It's not a problem. I <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (shorten).

6) A Your pet dog's a little dirty today. She's probably been out all day?  
B Don't worry about it. I <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (groom) in a dog hair salon tomorrow.

5) Answer the following questions.

1) How often do your parents have their car serviced?  
\_\_\_\_\_

2) Which one of your CDs would you like to have signed by the singer or band?  
\_\_\_\_\_

3) Would you like to have your nose pierced?  
\_\_\_\_\_

4) How often do you have your hair cut?  
\_\_\_\_\_

5) When did you last have your shoes repaired?  
\_\_\_\_\_

6) CUMULATIVE GRAMMAR Translate the Polish parts of the sentences into English.

1) How many people \_\_\_\_\_ (może być zaproszonych) to the wedding?  
2) I've \_\_\_\_\_ (nigdy nie oddałem tego zegara do naprawy).  
3) At the moment, \_\_\_\_\_ (mojego psa bada) the vet.  
4) The walls in your room look dirty. You \_\_\_\_\_ (musisz zlecić malowanie).  
5) How many of these \_\_\_\_\_ (pokoi są wynajmowane) by university students.  
6) The engine is making a strange noise. Did you really \_\_\_\_\_ (zlecałeś jego serwis) last week?  
7) When I woke up, the house \_\_\_\_\_ (został już posprzątany).

7) Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using the word given.

1) Let's arrange for somebody to fix the sink.  
Let's \_\_\_\_\_ HAVE

2) They are painting our kitchen at the moment.  
We \_\_\_\_\_ ARE

3) Did they take her to hospital after the accident?  
Was \_\_\_\_\_ after the accident?  
SHE

4) People eat a lot of rice in China.  
A lot \_\_\_\_\_ IS

5) They don't produce these cars here any more.  
These \_\_\_\_\_ PRODUCED

6) How much cash have they deposited?  
How \_\_\_\_\_ ? BEEN

7) My brother gave me this CD.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ BY

8) Will they send the documents soon?  
Will \_\_\_\_\_ ? SENT